

### REMARKS


Applicants appreciate the courtesy extended by the Examiner during the telephone discussions with the undersigned on December 17, 2007 and December 18, 2007.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner indicated that claims 1-7 include allowable subject matter. In response to the Examiner's claim amendment proposal, Applicants have amended claim 7 as proposed by the Examiner. Claims 8-10 have been cancelled without prejudice. In addition, various informalities found in claims 1-7 have been corrected.

In view of the claim amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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